



“Addressing Critical Challenges of Our Time: Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity and Universal Values”

November 30 – December 3, 2018: Hyatt Regency Kathmandu, Nepal

Program Schedule

Saturday, December 1

10:00 am Opening Plenary: “Addressing the Critical Challenges of our Time: Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity and Universal Values”

Welcome by MC: **Hon. Ek Nath Dhakal**, Co-chair of International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace

(IAPP) in Asia Pacific and Former Minister, Government of Nepal

Nepal National Anthem

Welcome Remarks: **H.E. Madhav Kumar Nepal**, Former Prime Minister of Nepal and Chairman of Asia-Pacific Summit Invitation Committee

Welcome Greetings: **Dr. Thomas G. Walsh**, Chairman of UPF International

Welcome Greetings: **H.E. Jose de Venecia Jr.**, 5-time Speaker of the House of Representatives of the

Philippines and Founding Chair of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP)

Founder's Address by: **Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon**, Co-Founder of Universal Peace Federation (UPF)/ IAPP

Inaugural Address by: **H.E. KP Sharma Oli**, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal

Song:

Keynote Addresses: (Seven minutes each)

H.E. Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia

H. E. Aung San Suu Kyi, State Counsellor of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

H.E. Baron Waqa, President of the Republic of Nauru

Hon. Maria Leonor G. Robredo, Vice-President of the Republic of the Philippines

His Highness Vaaletō'a Sualauvi II Tuimalealiifano, Head of State of Samoa

H.E. Sir Iakoba Taeia Italeli, Governor-General of Tuvalu

H.E. H.D. Deve Gowda, Former Prime Minister of the Republic of India

H.E. Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani, Former Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

12:30 pm Lunch Break

2:00 pm Session II: “Addressing the Critical Challenges of our Time: Peace, Development, Good Governance and the Role of Parliamentarians” (Seven minutes each)

Session Chair: **Hon. Krishna B. Mahara**, Speaker of the House of Representatives of Nepal

Hon. Pany Yathotou, President of the National Assembly of Lao People's Democratic Republic

H.E. Johnson Toribiong, Former President of Palau

Hon. Lord Fatafehi Fakafanua, Speaker of the Kingdom of Tonga

Hon. Jejwarick H. Anton, Vice-Speaker of Nitijela (Legislature of the Marshall Islands)



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H.E. Andrés Pastrana Arango, Former President of Colombia

H.E. Hassan Ghafourifard, Former Vice-President of Iran

H.E. Christopher J. Loeak, Former President of the Marshall Islands

H.E. Ati George Sokomanu, Former President of Vanuatu

4:00 pm Tea / Coffee Break

4:30 pm Session III: “Addressing the Critical Challenges of our Time: The Role of Faith-Based Organizations and Civil Society”

Launching of the Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD) in Asia-Pacific

Interfaith Prayers by Religious Leaders (Seven minutes total):

Buddhism: **Ven. Dr. Udugampola Hemaratana**, Principal, Sri Bodhiraja Dhamma School, Sri Lanka

Christianity: **Rev. Suamalie Naisali Tafaki Iosefa Naisali**, Unified Reformed Christian Church, New Zealand

Hinduism: **Dr. Shivamurthy Shivacharya Mahaswami**, Religious Head, Sri Taralabalu Jagadguru Brihanmath, India

Islam: **Shaikh Kuat Minuarov**, First Imam, The Religious Administration of Kazakhstan's Muslims

Session Chair's Statement: **Dr. Tageldin Hamad**, Vice President & Director, Office of UN UPF Int'l

Statements of Support:

Buddhism: **Ven. Sobhita**, Principal of the International Buddhist Education Center, Myanmar

Catholicism: **Bishop Paul Simick**, Vicar Apostolic of Nepal

Hinduism: **Dr. Chintamani Yogi**, Founder Principal of Hindu Vidyapeeth School, Nepal

Islam: **Dr. Kazi Nurul Islam**, Professor and Founding Chair of the Department of World Religions and Culture, Dhaka University, Bangladesh

Jainism: **Dr. Muni Lokprakash Lokesh**, Founder President, Ahimsa Vishwa Bharti, India

Protestantism: **Rev. Geoffrey Alacky**, President, RIM-EPI-Centre for Leadership Empowerment, Solomon Islands

Sikhism: **Mr. Pritam Singh**, Chairperson Gurudwara Guru Nanak Satsang, Nepal

Taoism: **Mr. Li-Hsiung Chou**, President, Ikuantou Yilan County, Chinese Taipei

Special Remarks: **Hon. Shyam Jaju**, National Vice President of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), India

Reading of the Resolution and Call to Action: **Dr. Shrivatsa Goswami**, Chair of IAPD Asia-Pacific

Signing of the Resolution

Hitting of the Gong

Group Photo

Sunday, December 2



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9:00 am Session IV: “Addressing the Critical Challenges of Our Time: Climate Change” (Seven minutes each)

Session Chair: **H.E. Anote Tong**, Former President of Kiribati and SunHak Peace Prize Awardee

H.E. Kessai Note, Former President of the Marshall Islands

Hon. Naline Taveesin, Former Minister of Kingdom of the Thailand and Standing Member of ICAPP

Rev. Suamalie Naisali Tafaki Iosefa Naisali, Unified Reformed Christian Church, New Zealand

Hon. Tiruchi Siva, Member of the Parliament of India representing Tamil Nadu in the Rajya Sabha, India

Dr. Xiaoyi Jin, Secretary General, Global Parties Climate and Ecological Alliance, USA

Ms. Gozde Dizdar, International Vice President for Strategic Partnerships, CAPDI, GD Global, Turkey

Dr. Bishwa Nath Oli, Secretary, Ministry of Forests and Environment, Government of Nepal

Presentation of the [Kathmandu Declaration on Climate Change by \(5\)](#)

Q & A

Closing Statement: **H.E. Anote Tong**, Former President of Kiribati

10:30 am Tea/Coffee Break

11:00 am Session V: “Addressing the Critical Challenges of Our Time: The Role of Media” (Seven minutes each)

Session Chair’s Statement: **Mr. Tom McDevitt**, Chairman, The Washington Times, USA

Mr. Masahiro Kuroki, President, Sekai Nippo, Japan

Ms. Sambridhi Gyawali, Executive Director, Nepal Republic Media

Mr. Jung Hee Taeg, President, Segye Ilbo, Korea

Mr. Aljo Bendijo, People’s Television Network (government media), Philippines

Mr. Thol Ngorntay, Deputy Director of News Department, Ministry of Information, Cambodia

Padmashri Alok Mehta, Pathfinder Publishing Delhi, India

Mr. Humphrey Hawksley, BBC Foreign Correspondent, London, England

Ms. Claudia Rosett, Foreign Policy Fellow, Independent Women’s Forum, USA

Mr. Binod Raj Gyawali, Managing Director, Nepal Republic Media

Q & A

12:30 pm Lunch Break

2:00 pm Closing Session: “Addressing the Critical Challenges of Our Time: Peace Initiatives and Peace Projects around the World”

Session Chair: **Dr. Lek Thaveetermsakul**, Vice Chair, UPF Asia Pacific

“UPF Peace Initiatives” by **Dr. Thomas G. Walsh**, President, UPF international

“The Role of Parliamentarians in Peace-building” by **Hon. Jiko Luveni**, Speaker of the Parliament, Fiji

“Peace, Development, Good Governance and the Role of Parliamentarians” by **Hon. Chan Yeol Lee**, 3-time

Lawmaker and Chairman of Education Committee, National Assembly of Korea

“Nepal’s Peace Process”: **H.E. Pradeep Kumar Gyawali**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Government of Nepal



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Chief Guest’s Address: **H.E. Pushpa Kamal Dahal “Prachanda”**, Former Prime Minister, Government of Nepal

Reading of the *Kathmandu Declaration for Peace and Cooperation*: **H.E. Krishna V. Rajan**, Former Indian

Ambassador to Nepal and Member, Global Peace Council, UPF International

Closing Statement: **Dr. Chung Sik Yong**, Regional Group Chair of UPF in Asia-Pacific
3:30 pm Tea/Coffee Break

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